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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- (Currently Amended): A vehicle steering wheel comprising a skeleton and a first detent element as part of a detent connection for <u>connecting</u> a gas bag module which is able to be connected to said skeleton,
- at least one separate support component being arranged on said skeleton, said support component carrying a detent pin as said first detent element which, in an assembled state of the steering wheel, engages can engage into a second detent element arranged on the said gas bag module and complimentary to said detent pin.
- 2. (Original): The vehicle steering wheel according to Claim 1, wherein said skeleton of said steering wheel comprises a hub cup on which said support component is arranged.
- 3. (Currently Amended): A vehicle steering wheel comprising:
 - a skeleton,
- a first detent element as part of a detent

 connection for connecting a gas bag module to said skeleton,

 and
- at least one separate support component being arranged on said skeleton, said support component carrying a

detent pin as said first detent element which, in an assembled state of the steering wheel, engages a second detent element arranged on the gas bag module and complimentary to said detent pin, The vehicle-steering wheel according to Claim 1, wherein said support component being is a metal plate.

- 4. (Original): The vehicle steering wheel according to Claim 1, wherein said support component and said detent pin form a prefabricated assembly.
- 5. (Currently Amended): A vehicle steering wheel comprising:
 - a skeleton,
- a first detent element as part of a detent connection for connecting a gas bag module to said skeleton, and
- at least one separate support component being arranged on said skeleton, said support component carrying a detent pin as said first detent element which, in an assembled state of the steering wheel, engages a second detent element arranged on the gas bag module and complimentary to said detent pin, The vehicle steering wheel according to Claim 1, wherein said support component being is embedded into said skeleton which is made of cast metal.
- 6. (Original): The vehicle steering wheel according to Claim 5, wherein said skeleton has a recess around said detent pin.

- 7. (New): The vehicle steering wheel according to claim 1, wherein said detent pin has no threads.
- 8. (New): The vehicle steering wheel according to claim 1, wherein said detent pin is threadless and said second detent element is a spring wire that engages said detent pin when the air bag module is pushed onto said skeleton thereby securing the gas bag module to said skeleton, and

said skeleton having an axis of rotation, said support component being a plate fixed to said threadless detent pin and fixed to said skeleton, said threadless detent pin being rotatable with said skeleton and the air bag module, said threadless detent pin being spaced from said axis of said skeleton.